

Amendments to the Specification:

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The present invention relates to a method of visualizing a large still picture on a display having a size smaller than the large still picture, said method comprising the steps of dividing the large still picture into a set of pieces, said pieces having a size substantially equal to the display size; ranking the pieces of the large still picture according to a predetermined scanning order; and encoding the set of pieces using a predictive block-based compression technique according to said predetermined scanning order so as to obtain a video sequence. A method of visualizing a large still picture on a display having a size smaller than the large still picture includes the steps of dividing the large still picture into a set of pieces, where the pieces have a size substantially equal to the display size; ranking the pieces of the large still picture according to a predetermined scanning order; and encoding the set of pieces using a predictive block-based compression technique according to the predetermined scanning order so as to obtain a video sequence.